

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) An isolated and purified peptide which blocks the binding of an anti-GD3 antibody to a tumor cell expressing GD3 ganglioside and is capable of eliciting antibodies reactive against GD3 ganglioside, wherein the sequence of the peptide is SEQ ID NO:6.

2:15. Canceled

16. (currently amended) An antigenic composition comprising a peptide which blocks the binding of an anti-GD3 antibody to a tumor cell bearing GD3 ganglioside and is capable of eliciting antibodies reactive against GD3 ganglioside and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the sequence of the peptide is SEQ ID NO:6.

17. (original) The antigenic composition of claim 16 further comprising an adjuvant.

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